

Amendments to the Claims:

A detailed listing of all the claims that are, or were, in the application is presented below.

Current amendments to the claims, including additions being shown by underlining and deletions being shown by strikethrough or double brackets, are expressed in the listing.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 26 (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A surface covering component ~~of claim 21,~~
~~further~~ comprising:

two resilient sheet elements having substantially the same structure, each element comprising (a) a first major surface, (b) a second major surface, and (c) a gluing surface interposed between the first major surface and the second major surface, the gluing surfaces of the two elements being adjacent;

an adhesive interposed between the gluing surfaces; and

a seamless wear layer and/or a seamless top coat layer that covers substantially the entire surface covering component, including the two elements and the seam formed by the adjacent gluing surfaces and the adhesive,

wherein the gluing surfaces are not perpendicular to the first major surface.

28. (Previously Amended) A resilient floor covering comprising:

two resilient sheet elements having substantially the same structure, each element comprising (a) a first major surface, (b) a second major surface, and (c) a gluing surface interposed between the first major surface and the second major surface, the gluing surfaces of the two elements being adjacent; and

an adhesive interposed between the gluing surfaces,

wherein the gluing surfaces are not perpendicular to the first major surface.

Claim 29 (Canceled)

30. (Previously Presented) The floor covering of claim 28, wherein the floor covering is in the form of a roll.

31. (Previously Presented) The floor covering of claim 28, wherein the adhesive is a radiation-curable adhesive.

32. (Previously Presented) The floor covering of claim 28, wherein the adhesive is a UV-curable.

33. (Previously Presented) The floor covering of claim 28, wherein the adhesive is a cyanoacrylate.

Claims 34 and 35 (Canceled)

36. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A surface covering of claim 34, further comprising:

two resilient sheet elements having substantially the same structure, each element comprising (a) a first major surface, (b) a second major surface, and (c) a gluing surface interposed between the first major surface and the second major surface, the gluing surfaces of the two elements being adjacent;

an adhesive interposed between the gluing surfaces; and

a seamless wear layer and/or a seamless top coat layer that covers substantially the entire surface covering, including the seam,

wherein the surface covering is in the form of a roll, with the gluing surfaces being in a plane generally perpendicular to the axis of the roll, the gluing surfaces and adhesive forming a seam, and the thickness of the seam being substantially no greater than the thickness of the elements.

37. (Previously Presented) A surface covering comprising:
two resilient sheet elements having substantially the same structure, each element comprising (a) a first major surface, (b) a second major surface, and (c) a gluing surface interposed between the first major surface and the second major surface, the gluing surfaces of the two elements being adjacent; and
an adhesive interposed between the gluing surfaces, the gluing surfaces and adhesive creating a seam in the form of a scarf joint,
wherein the surface covering is in the form of a roll, with the gluing surfaces being in a plane generally parallel to the axis of the roll.

38. (Previously Presented) The surface covering of claim 37, further comprising a seamless wear layer and/or a seamless top coat layer that covers substantially the entire surface covering, including the two elements and the seam.

39. (Previously Presented) The floor covering of claim 28, wherein the seam is a scarf joint.

40. (Previously Presented) The floor covering of claim 28, further comprising a seamless wear layer and/or a seamless top coat layer that covers substantially the entire floor covering, including the two elements and the seam.

41. (Previously Presented) The floor covering of claim 28, wherein the gluing surfaces are in a plane generally perpendicular to the axis of the roll, the gluing surfaces and adhesive form a seam, and the thickness of the seam is substantially no greater than the thickness of the elements.

42. (Previously Presented) The floor covering of claim 41, wherein the seam is a scarf joint.

43. (Previously Presented) The floor covering of claim 41, further comprising a seamless wear layer and/or a seamless top coat layer that covers substantially the entire floor covering, including the two elements and the seam.

44. (Previously Presented) The floor covering of claim 28, wherein the gluing surfaces are in a plane generally parallel to the axis of the roll, the gluing surfaces and adhesive forming a seam.

45. (Previously Presented) The floor covering of claim 44, wherein the seam is a scarf joint.

46. (Previously Presented) The floor covering of claim 44, further comprising a seamless wear layer and/or a seamless top coat layer that covers substantially the entire floor covering, including the two elements and the seam.